



# Moab Division of Fire Management

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## UPCOMING BLM PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECTS

**Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties, UT...** The Bureau of Land Management has several prescribed fire projects scheduled for the upcoming winter months. The goal of these projects is to reduce hazardous fuels and the impact of wildfire on public and private lands.

The Price Recreation Area project has been underway since October, 2002. Treatment efforts on this project include thinning overgrown foliage, reducing invasive plant species and "jackpot" or pile burning. Once the foliage has been cut by chainsaws and allowed to cure in piles, firecrews return in the winter to burn the slash. More piles will be burned this winter pending weather conditions.

The East Coal Creek project was initialized in July of 2003. This area is east of the Price airport. The Youth Corp and private contractors were used to cut and thin excess fuels. The slash was allowed to cure for burning during winter months. Firecrews have already begun burning "black-line" in this project area. The next step will be a broadcast burn to reintroduce fire into the ecosystem. This latter phase will take place this winter.

The East Carbon Project was initialized during the summer of 2003. This treatment is located on public lands north of East Carbon and will function as a fuel break for the community. Again, excess fuels were cut and thinned by firecrews and piled for burning. Pile burning will also take place later this winter pending weather conditions.

The Tamarisk Project is taking place along the Colorado River bank at various locations between Roberts Bottom and Hittle Bottom. Beginning in January 2002, firecrews, the Youth Corp and a Bull-hog have been utilized to cut and pile the over-grown fuels and invasive species. Throughout the up-coming winter months you can expect to see the piles being burned along the river.

The final project scheduled to be burned this winter is the Peter's Canyon Project, located approximately 10 miles north of Monticello on 191. During the fall of 2003, firecrews cut and thinned the excess fuels. Like many of the other projects, the slash was piled and allowed to cure. During the next few winter months the BLM expects to start burning the piles as weather allows.

Anytime fire is used in a fuel modification prescription, the critical factor is weather. Humidity levels, clearing indices, temperatures and many other factors must be ideal for the prescribed fire to be successful and safe. During the next few winter months, the BLM will take advantage of the cooler temperatures and the higher levels of humidity to conduct these fire operations.

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